

CARR-1564

Old Westminster Pike Bridge 1
Old Westminster Pike Near Woodside Dr.

c.1800-1899

Summary:

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. CARR-1564

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Old Westminster Pike Bridge

2. Location

street & number Old Westminster Pike near Woodside Drive not for publication

city, town Westminster vicinity of ☒ congressional district

state Maryland county Carroll

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<u> </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture <u> </u> museum
<u> </u> building(s)	<u> </u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial <u> </u> park
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational <u> </u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment <u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government <u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<u> </u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military <u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name County Commissioners of Carroll County

street & number 225 N. Center Street telephone no.:

city, town Westminster state and zip code Maryland 21157

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liber

street & number 55 N. Court Street folio

city, town Westminster state Maryland 21157

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resources: 1

Bridge 1 on the Old Westminster Pike is located just southeast of Woodside Drive, about two miles southeast of Westminster in central Carroll County, Maryland. The ground here generally slopes down to the north. The bridge is built of rubble stone with straight walls for the abutments. The northern abutment is 26', 6" long by 2' wide and sits approximately 2' high above the road level on the south side of the abutment. The north side of the abutment is 8', 7" above ground level. There is an arched opening that is 4', 2" high.

The south abutment is 7', 4" high above a concrete pad on the ground on the south side of the abutment. The abutment is about 1', 4" above ground on the north or road side. This abutment is 28', 11" long, longer than the northern abutment, and also has a segmentally arched opening. There is no water flowing under the bridge at present. The abutments are spaced about 38' apart from interior to interior.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Geographical Organization:

Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period:

Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Historic Period Themes:

Transportation

Resource Types:

Bridge

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property N/AQuadrangle name WestminsterQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting				Northing				

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

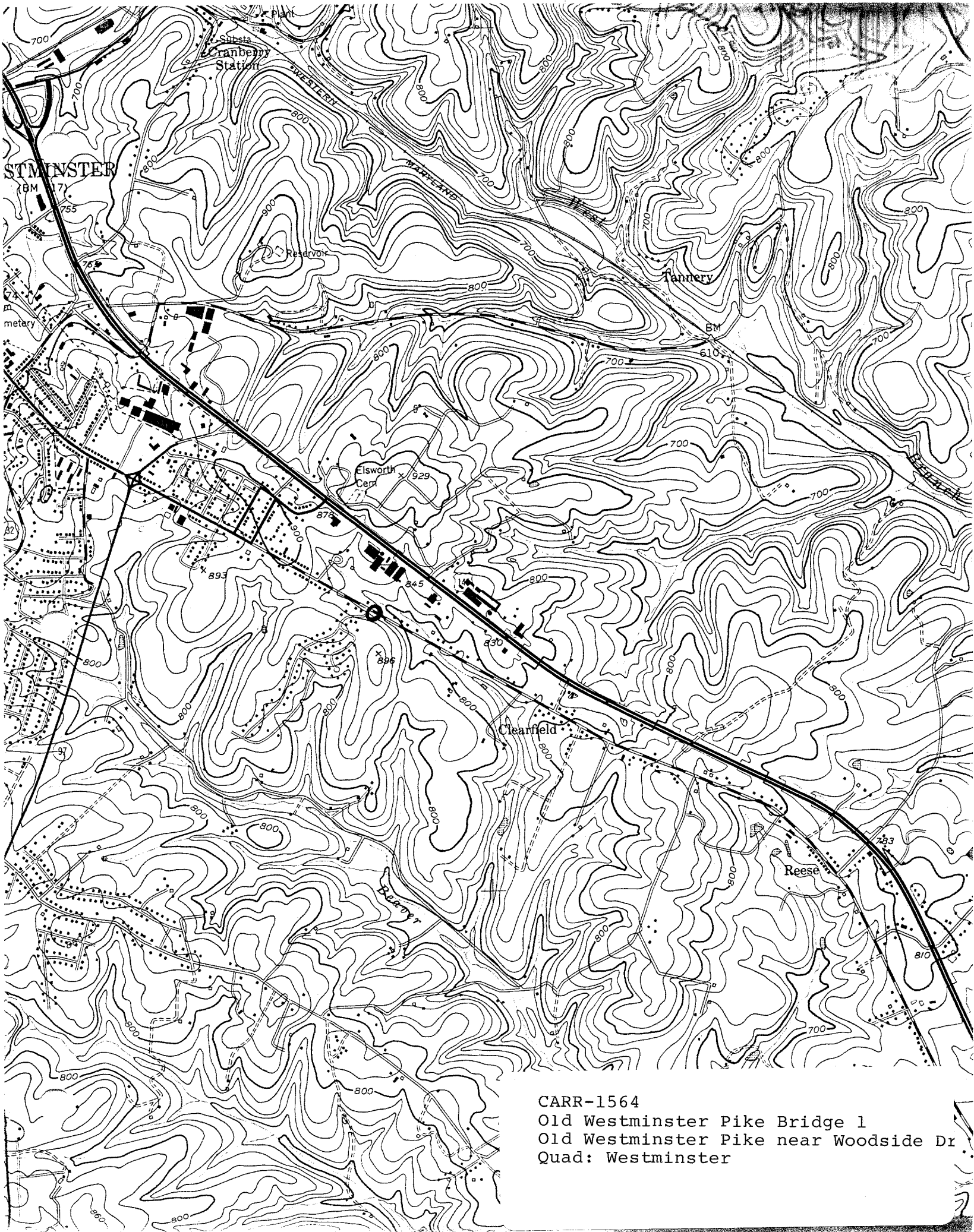
name/title Kenneth M. Short , Historic Plannerorganization Carroll County Planning & Development date March 24, 1998street & number 225 North Center Street telephone 410-386-2145city or town Westminster state Maryland

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Quad: Westminster



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